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SUBJ: ADVANCE ACTION ON PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR
GILBERT ISLANDS CAUSEWAY PROJECT

1. ADB PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS THAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCUR
IN REQUEST OF GOVERNMENT OF GILBERT ISLANDS TO PROCEED WITH
INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS
IN ADVANCE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CAUSEWAY
PROJECT. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS BY COB OCTOBER 7, ADB
PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE DEEMED APPROVED AND SO
RECORDED IN SUBSEQUENT BOARD MINUTES. USADB DOES NOT PLAN TO
OBJECT.

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2. PROPOSED PROJECT, FIRST REPORTED IN MONTHLY OPERATIONAL

INFORMATION (MOI) FOR AUGUST 1976, INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A CAUSEWAY APPROXIMATELY 3.4 KM. (2.13 MILES) LONG TO LINK BY ROAD THE ISLAND OF BETIO, COUNTRY'S MAIN COMMERCIAL CENTER, WITH BAIRIKI, GOVERNMENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER, AND THROUGH BAIRIKI WITH REST OF SOUTH TARAWA. CAUSEWAY WILL ELIMINATE NEED FOR MAINTAINING EXISTING EXPENSIVE FERRY AND LIGHTERAGE SERVICE BETWEEN BETIO AND BAIRIKI. TOTAL COST OF PROJECT IS ESTIMATED AT EQUIVALENT OF US\$2.69 MILLION. FOREIGN COMPONENT, PROPOSED FOR BANK FINANCING FROM SPECIAL FUNDS, IS ESTIMATED AT US\$1.75 MILLION. REMAINDER, INCLUDING COST OF CONSULTING SERVICES AND ALL LOCAL COSTS OF PROJECT WILL BE FINANCED BY GOVERNMENT.

3. FIRM OF AUSTRALIAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS (WILTON AND BELL OF SYDNEY) HAS BEEN RETAINED BY GOVERNMENT AS CONSULTANTS TO UNDERTAKE DETAILED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION. THEY ARE CONSIDERED BY BANK STAFF TO BE ADEQUATELY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED TO UNDERTAKE REQUIRED ENGINEERING SERVICES. ALTHOUGH CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENT UNDER ITS OWN PROCEDURES AND GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO FINANCE ALL COSTS (BOTH FOREIGN AND LOCAL) RELATING TO THEIR SERVICES, GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO AMEND ITS CONTRACT WITH CONSULTANTS TO SATISFACTION OF BANK TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE PROVISION IS MADE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE PROJECT.

4. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR PROJECT CALLS FOR START OF CONSTRUCTION IN LAST QUARTER 1977 AND COMPLETION BY MID-1979. TO MEET PROPOSED STARTING DATE, PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND FINALIZATION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS MUST BE UNDERTAKEN BY MARCH 1977 SO THAT TENDERING, EVALUATION OF TENDERS, AND AWARD OF CONTRACT CAN BE CARRIED OUT DURING SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS OF 1977. PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF TENDER DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN PREPARED BY CONSULTANTS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED SOON FOR REVIEW BY BANK. INVITATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS ARE, THEREFORE, REQUIRED TO BE ISSUED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE PROPOSED PROJECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE.

5. INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH BANK'S GUIDELINES ON PROCUREMENT, BUT IN ADVANCE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT, ON SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY COMMITMENT ON BANK'S PART AT THIS STAGE TO FINANCING OF PROPOSED PROJECT.

6. ADB DOC. R98-76 ON ABOVE SUBJECT WAS POUCHED
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